



**REVIEW OF THE DEATH OF LEVI MCKENNA  
CLEVELAND COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

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**Overview**

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) received a request regarding the death of Levi McKenna. Two felony counts of Murder in the Second Degree and Child Neglect were filed in Cleveland County District Court on August 30, 2021, against the biological mother, Kimberly Blair, and the biological father, Jerimy McKenna. The cases are still pending.

**Identifiers**

Child's Name:	Levi McKenna	Sibling One:	Nine years
Date of Birth:	May 28, 2014	Sibling Two:	Three years
Date of Death:	March 28, 2021		

Person(s) Responsible for the Child (PRFC):

- Jerimy McKenna
- Kimberly Blair

**Actions**

The release of the following summary of the actions taken by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services (OKDHS) and the proceedings in the District Court is authorized by 10A O.S. Section 1-6-105.

The OJSO did not become aware of this case until after the death of Levi McKenna.

**Death Incident**

On March 29, 2021, a Metropolitan Police Department requested a joint response with the OKDHS after it was reported that six-year-old Levi McKenna was found deceased by his family. It was reported that there were no signs of abuse to Levi. However, it was further noted that there were several methadone bottles found in the home within reach of the children. It was further documented that some of the bottles had small amounts of methadone still in them and that one of the bottles appeared to be full. The OKDHS further documented that the mother, Kimberly Blair, had a prescription for methadone due to an opiate addiction. It was further documented that Ms. Blair had a lockbox for her medication. The lock box was found to be unlocked as well as within the reach of the children.

The OKDHS accepted the report as a Priority I investigation, to be initiated by March 28, 2021.



## Investigation

The OKDHS initiated contact with the child and family on March 28, 2021.

The OKDHS documented that during the investigation, a hair follicle test of the siblings was court-ordered. The OKDHS documented that Sibling Two exhibited signs of withdrawal and was taken to the emergency room where a urinalysis showed that Sibling Two had methadone in his system. The OKDHS further documented that Levi was found to have methadone in his system as well. It was noted by the Chief Child Abuse Examiner for the State of Oklahoma, that the exposure and amounts of methadone in Sibling Two would indicate that the ingestion by Sibling Two was over a period of time when Ms. Blair was no longer taking methadone home from the prescribing clinic and that perhaps the exposure was on a more consistent basis. The OKDHS documented in its report to the District Attorney (DA) that it appeared highly unlikely that the ingestion of the medication by both children was accidental.

It was documented that the Medical Examiner's (ME) report ruled that the probable cause of death was acute methadone toxicity and ruled the manner of death an accident.

The OKDHS made a Substantiated Finding of Abuse/Poisoning by Kimberly Blair to Levi McKenna and Sibling Two. The OKDHS made a Substantiated Finding as to the allegations of Neglect/Threat of Harm by Jerimy McKenna to Siblings One and Two. The OKDHS made a Substantiated Finding of Abuse/Threat of Harm by Kimberly Blair to Sibling One. The OKDHS further requested a Substantiated Finding as to the allegation of Abuse/Death by Jerimy McKenna and Kimberly Blair to Levi McKenna. The OKDHS requested a deprived petition be filed on behalf of Sibling One and Sibling Two. The OKDHS further requested the DA to add a heinous and shocking charge to the case, which the DA did.

## Prior Involvement of the PRFC with the Oklahoma Department of Human Services

There was one pertinent report prior to the death report. The report was received on June 25, 2018. The OKDHS received a report that newborn Sibling Two tested positive for methadone and opiates. It was noted that the mother, Kimberly Blair, was in a methadone program, and she tested positive for methadone during prenatal care as well.

The report was accepted as a Priority Two Investigation, to be initiated by June 29, 2018. The OKDHS initiated contact with the family on June 27, 2018.

During the investigation, the OKDHS documented that the hospital social worker was confused as to why the positive test results were reported to the OKDHS as Ms. Blair always tested positive for methadone during prenatal care. The newborn tested positive for opiates because Ms. Blair received medication prior to her delivery. The OKDHS further documented that the investigation was staffed with the Assistant District Attorney regarding Ms. Blair's treatment and the family's support system.

The OKDHS made an Unsubstantiated Finding as to the allegations of Neglect/Threat of Harm by Kimberly Blair to Levi McKenna and both siblings. The OKDHS did not request that a deprived petition be filed.

The OKDHS documented that Ms. Blair was in a treatment program and was following the recommendations of the medical professionals. The OKDHS further documented that both Ms. Blair and Mr. McKenna were meeting the needs of their children.

## Judicial Proceedings Prior to the Child's Death Incident

The OJSO identified no relevant judicial proceedings prior to the child's death.

